The Rev. Ray Ahrens—Wichita University Campus Minister Welcomes U.S.F.'ers at Student Center

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Convocation Concerns

Reported by Marvin Ediger

The atmosphere at the Rymph House is unique. It certainly provides much more than the ordinary closet, cot, and comforter, covered by a slight service fee. In fact, the sleep one might have anticipated is quite incidental to the host of other dramatic testimonials vying for the attention of the group. Certainly no one can leave such an environment without a sizeable sheaf of illustrious examples of living in its applied form. There is no doubt that this composite experience contributes in good measure to the feeling of solidarity within the group.

The results of the Brantz-Poppe discussion were sobering, to put it mildly, viewed in the light of the church's total mission. Only a casual observation of the implications here could well stimuate the awakened minister on a crusade to remedy this state of affairs. If I remember correctly, we were assured of some much needed leadership from the Evangelism Committee. We might well have spent an entire convocation in working out a program of evangelism for the conference.

There seems to be good evidence that there exists some relationship between our lack of growth in the state of Kansas and the symptoms of inadequate "community" experience as pointed out by Dr. Obenhaus. I plead your indulgence if this view is too naive. There is constant danger of feeling that each church is unique in in itself, and thereby foreclosing the possibility of receiving help from the outside. Dr. Obenhaus could have done no greater service than to remind us that there are common concerns in which we may all share. It is at this point that the conference may make a vital contribution if we are really concerned about seeing this "divine" community" in flesh and blood.

Other common concerns such as Mental Health, the University Community and Conference Programs may well take their proper places in the life of the church. These programs should not lack in impetus, for we were surely challenged by acknowledged leadership in each of these areas.

Our gratitude for the success of this convocation may well be directed to Moderator Johnson, the Rymphs, Washburn University, the churches of Topeka, and the dedicated leadership for a most stimulating convocation experience.

NOTE: There were 52 Kansas ministers registered at the 1959 Convocation - the largest registration in the 33 years the Wasburn Ministers' Convocation has been held.

Attention Women!

A new Womans' Gift filmstrip with record available at Conference Office. Have your gifts in by April 1st.

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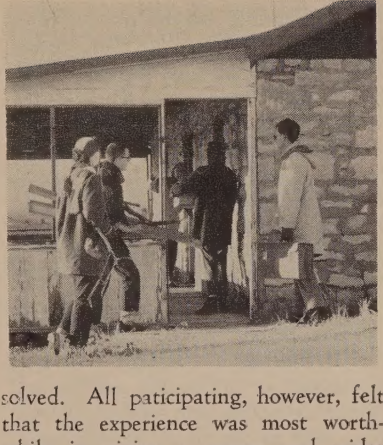
Kansas U.S.F. Spring Meeting

"Being a Christian on Campus" is the theme chosen for the Kansas United Student Fellowship Meeting to be held in Wichita, April 11 and 12. State Chairman is Mr. Phil Friedeman of Great Bend and K.U. Other officers include Doug Gunn, Ken Peirce, Linda Guise, Pat Hiss and Ann Thompson. Mrs. Ray Ahrens of Wichita Fairmount is Adult Advisor. Our cover picture shows the Rev. Mr. Ahrens, Campus Minister, welcoming students into the parsonage which adjoins the campus and is used as a Student Center.

Retreat In Colorado

"Conformity" was the theme used by the Manhattan U.S.F.'ers for their recent retreat held in Walzenburg, Colorado. Nineteen of the members joined in the three-day retreat which was held during semester vacation January 23rd through 28th. Home base for the group was the Thach Ranch located near the mountain foothills about twelve miles from the town. The members shared the cooking and housekeeping duties, but found time for skiing, horseback riding and serious thoughtful discussions.

Led by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goertzen and Dr. Maurice Woolf, the group held various sessions centered around the general topic, "Conformity." More specific topics included existentialism, church conformity, foreign relations, the "organization man," morals, and censorship. All sessions were led by members of the group, and spontaneous and informative discussions followed. Present-day philosophies, patterns, and trends were evaluated and re-assessed. Such problems as the armaments race, foreign policy, and prejudice were looked at, but hardly



solved. All paticipating, however, felt that the experience was most worthwhile in giving a newer and wider perspective on our present day situation.

Much of the retreat, of course, involved fellowship and recreational activities. Trips to a coal mine, horseback riding, skiing, outdoor cooking and mountain hiking attracted all members of the group.

In every way, the retreat was declared a success by all participants. The membes of K-State's U. S. F. would like to thank the Congregational Church at Manhattan for financially making the trip possible. Chances like this for fellowship and Christian discussion certainly make for a better student group. Manhattan U.S.F.'s program for the coming semester will reflect the spirit and thought of their Colorado retreat.

Kansas Churches And Higher Education

In the Past

Kansas Congregational Churches and Ministers meeting in annual session in 1857 adopted the following statement of purpose relative to higher education: "It shall be our aim as far

as practicable to transplant the principles of the Puritans to these fertile plains, and to lay foundations which shall be an honor to us, when in the grave, and a blessing to all coming generations." Immediately thereafter, Lincoln College which later became Washburn, was founded in Topeka. In 1886 Fairmount College, now Wichita University, had its beginnings at Wichita as the "Vassar of the West." Five Congregational Academies were founded before public high schools were established in the state. And so in Kansas, as across the nation and around the world, our forefathers were committed to the founding and maintaining of centers of learning to nurture and send out genuinely educated persons.

Now

What is our responsibility now that Washburn and Fairmount Colleges are Municipal Universities with a combined enrollment of 8,500 students. These and other Kansas College campuses are our most strategic home mission fields. Yet our present concern and support is most inadequate. This year only $2500.00 is allocated to student work on three campuses - the University of Kansas, Kansas State College and the University of Wichita. At Lawrence, Plymouth Church, through its facilities and leaders is reaching a large number of students; the student program at Manhattan is becoming increasingly vital; through cooperative efforts at Wichita University, a Protestant Campus Minister and a well located parsonage serve our students. The influence of our Emporia Church is felt by a great number of students on the two campuses there.

But what of our responsibility in the expanded program needed at these centers, and what of the needs at other schools not now being served? The measure of our concern will be evidenced by our response to the Christian Higher Education Fund.

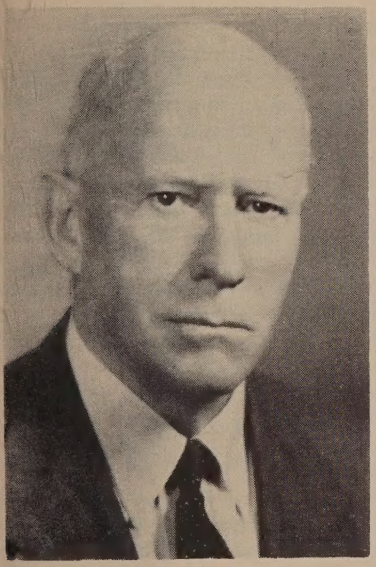
Invite A Team

Some 45 leaders - ministers, laymen and lay women met at Emporia First Congregational Church on Saturday, March 14 for a training session on the Christian Higher Education Fund. The Rev. Donald Frazier, Associate Area Director of San Francisco conducted the training. Each person was given a wealth of resource material and guidance; each team was given a sound filmstrip, "The Truth Will Make You Free."

Your church has received a letter from the Rev. Floyd Davidson, Co-Chairman of The Christian Higher Education Fund, asking that you give a date, if possible between Easter and State conference, when a team may visit your church to tell the story about CHEF. The team members will be your friends from neighboring churches giving of their time to this important cause. Their presentations will be delightful and informative. Invite a team to your church. Then - get your people out to hear the story.

Children's Work Committee

A new committee met for organization in the Conference Office on February 23, with Mrs. Kenneth Martin, K. C. Welborn as Chairman; Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Topeka Seabrook for Eastern; Mrs. Paul Heide, Wichita Plymouth for Southern; Mrs. John Becker, Lenora for Western. All have had special training in their field and both Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Davidson have worked on the Iowa Children's Committee. We are fortunate to have these busy people give time to this program in Kansas.



Dr. Ray E. Phillips

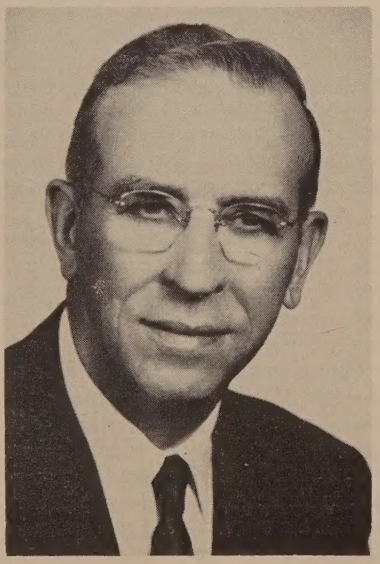
State Conference

Wichita Plymouth April 24-26, 1959

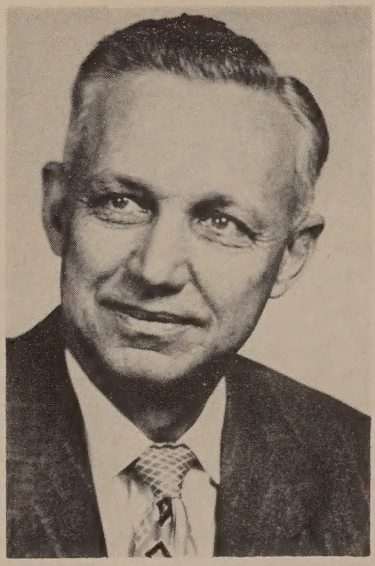
Featured on the Conference Program will be the Moderator of the General Council, Dr. Ray E. Phillips, and Mrs. Phillips. Dr. Phillips' election to the highest elective office of his denomination climaxed 40 years of distinguished social service in South Africa under the American Board. In his tireless efforts to better the lives of the less favored peoples of South Africa he established and directed the Hofmeyer School of Social Work which trains workers for 30 types of welfare service. He organized the Pathfinders which became a Boy Scout organization of 16,000, was "mayor" of a shanty community of 75,000 non-whites on the outskirts of Johannesberg. As top authorities on the problems of South Africa, Dr. and Mrs. Phillips will share their thinking with us at Wichita.

The Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Conference Moderator will preside at the general sessions. As Conference Chaplain, the Rev. Paul Davis will lead three worship periods. On Sunday the Communion message will be given by the Rev. Owen Prince and the morning sermon by Dr. George Ogden Kirk.

Other out-of-state guests will include the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes of Minneapolis, formerly of Kansas, who will speak Saturday noon on the Christian Higher Education Fund. Dr. Jess Norenberg, Superintendent of the Wisconsin Congregational Conference will bring the Friday evening message on "I Followed Your Dollar." In four trips abroad, Dr. Norenberg has visited 50 different countries, including Finland, Poland, Russia; twice in the Orient and in the fall of 1957 "100 days around the world." His subject for the laymen Saturday afternoon is "As Seen By a Rolling Stone."



Dr. Jess Norenberg



Rev. Porter Bower
Guest Leader Allied Enlistment

"From Seedtime To Harvest"

This title is very fitting for the series of training sessions which began with four area meetings in February and will continue with meetings April 13-17 and further sessions in September and October. The seed was sown in the minds of 245 people representing 52 of our Kansas churches:

	People	Churches
Feb. 23: K. C. Rosedale	47	7
Feb. 24: Topeka Seabrook	71	16
Feb. 26: Wichita Plym.	78	18
Feb. 27: Russell	50	11

Both filmstrips, "From Seed Time to Harvest" and "Building Your Church," spelled out a program which will strengthen any church which follows the recipe. Due to a very tight schedule and a Postoffice holiday on February 23, the materials did not arrive in time for the Kansas City meeting. A streamlined session will be held at the meeting April 13 to bring this group up-to-date.

The Rev. Porter Bower, New York City, Audio Visual Director for the Missions Council is leading all four sessions of the Allied Enlistment in Kansas. Much credit is due the Rev. Floyd Davidson, General Chairman who also heads the Eastern areas assisted by Misses Civilla Vinson and Alice Huggins; also Southern area led by the Rev. Robert J. Herman, Mrs. John W. Gibson and Mr. Percy Shue; and Western leaders, the Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff and Mrs. Charles Gunn.

Buck Hills Falls Through The Eyes of a Layman

Have you ever been in a group that spoke with familiarity of a place or event to the extent that you were afraid to ask to have it explained in more detail lest you might show your ignorance? Such was the feeling I must admit I fostered about the Buck Hill Falls Annual meeting prior to going there myself this year. So, for those who have shared my seat in the darkness, I would like to attempt to enlighten you a bit on Buck Hill Falls and some of its implications.

I suppose the first thing a person is interested in when going to a strange place is where it is and what are its physical characteristics. I had the pleasure of traveling with Supt. and Mrs. Rymph who were a great help to me. We "planed" to New York, "trained" to Cresco, Pa., and "limosined" to "The Inn."

To me, calling this fabulous Hotel, high on one of the Pocono Mountains, "The Inn," is a gross understatement. When I thought of it before, I was always reminded of the Bible passage: "And there was no room at the inn." Not true here at Buck Hill Falls.

here was room aplenty and facilities ere superb. The people working there ll had 14-carat hearts.

The so called Mid-Winter Meeting composed of several meetings, led and irected by the "top brass" of our enomination. The state and confer-nce superintendents attend their own lanning sessions. Also the Christian ducation leaders, the National Wom-n's Fellowship, the Council for So-al Action, etc., all enjoyed their wn separate meetings. The entire roup of some 350 persons then had ne pleasure of dining together each eal in one large dining room with the est food available.

I attended the Laymen's Fellowship essions and found them most inspir-ng. I think the most memorable part as the cross-section of personalities nat made up the group of Presidents rom all over the U. S. including Hawaii - men dedicated to the Chris-an way of life and living it in their ves back home.. The boy from lorida was a certified public account-nt, the gentleman from California, negro, managing a public service rganization (and a real inspiration o us all) the Iowa president, a mayor f his home town, the man from Nebraska, a farmer who flew to Buck Hill Falls in his own private plane.

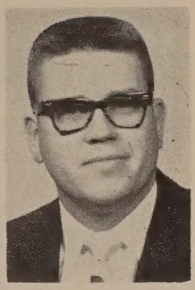
These are just a few of the indi-iduals and personalities that will stay n my memory, and will represent a hallenge to me that won't soon be for-otten.

Charles D. Armstrong

American Board Seminar

Forty Laymen from 25 Kansas hurches were present for the three day eeting at Topeka Central March 6-All report an inspiring and infor-ative program.

Rev. Francis Turpin



Rev. Carlos Demarest

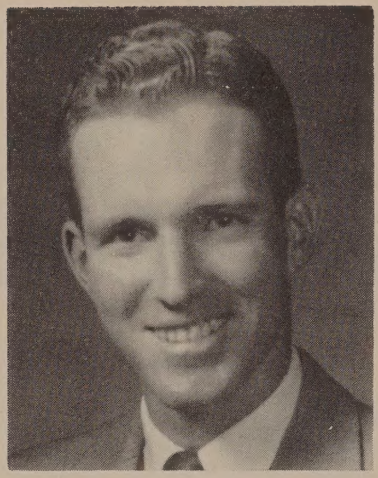
New Ministers

The Rev. Francis E. Turpin of Round Top, New York has accepted a call to our Gaylord Church and will begin leadership there on June first. Mr. Turpin will complete work for his B. D. degree at Andover Newton Seminary this spring and will be ordianed in his home church before coming to Kansas.

Mrs. Turpin is teaching school in New York. She is very musical, having studied both piano and voice. The Turpin's have two boys, Mark - 5 and Paul - 3. They candidated at Gaylord on one of the coldest Sundays in history - January 4. They evidently saw through the cold to the warm hearts of the Gaylord people who braved the cold and extended them a unanimous call.

The Rev. Christian G. Nelson is carrying on as interim minister at Gaylord until the Turpin's arrive.

The Rev. Carlos Demarest was licensed at a special service held at Maize on the afternoon of February 8, by Southern Association. Participating in the service were Supt. L. M. Rymph, Rev. Elmo Paff, Registrar of Southern Association and the Rev. George Dreher who was appointed as Counselor for Mr. Demarest. Mr. Demarest came to Maize from a Methodist Church in Missouri.



Dave Cutting

Student Summer Service

Coming to Kansas for the summer is Dave Cutting of our Lenora Church. Following graduation at Doane a year ago, Dave spent the spring and summer working with our Congregational Service Committee. This fall he began his studies at Andover Newton and will return to Kansas immediately on completion of this year's school work.

He will give leadership in three Wa-Shun-Ga camps and the last week of the Sedgwick Work Camp. During July and August he will be serving Kansas Churches.

As field work during this school year, Dave has had charge of Junior Church and Junior Hi P.F. at Second Church in Newton. While at Doane he served 3 years as student pastor at a rural church in Nebaska. He is preparing for the pastoral ministry and plans to return to Kansas on completion of seminary.

Library Books

Pilgrim Press now gives a 20% discount on most books purchased for church or Church School libraries. This should be an encouragement to churches developing libraries. Ask about the discount when you order.

A limited number of inexpensive R. S. V. Bibles are also available from Pilgrim Press for $1.95 each.

National Family Week
May 3-10, 1959

As our churches observe Family Week they will make a special effort to help families face honestly their responsibility to God and to themselves. It will be a time for a frank look at one's own family to see what is happening in it, and a period of re dedication to the important and eternal things in the home and family.

Family Life A/V Material

No Easy Answer: Discussion filmstrip on choosing children's playmates; holding the confidence of the adolescents; and guiding young people in courtship.

Built Upon The Rock: Christian approach to modern living illustrated in 3 family situations: separation through military service; strife over TV; parents' disapproval of young people's marriage choice.

For The Record: Points up that the parents are the teachers of religion.

A Harvest From Holidays: How one family used special occasions to enrich their home life.

Family On Trial: Story of 2 boys brought up in middle class families. Both are invited to join racketeers and one refuses. Traces differences in family life which made decisions different.

Democracy Is Home-made: Pictures 2 familes—chatty, fast - moving narration with clever contrasts and designed for discussion on applying the democratic principles to the family.

Family Camp At Estes Park
In the Heart of the Rockies
July 19-25, 1959

Family camping is on the increase. Every summer thousands of families are seeking experiences in the out-of-doors. Unfortunately, many families return tired, irritable and in no mood to extol the virtues of vacationing together as a family. Fortunately, other families have never-to-be forgotten experiences at church family camps, where days are spent in puposeful activities in which parents and children participate together.

Kansas Family Camp will again be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Felton of Great Bend with the Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher as Assistant Directors. Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Emmons of Clinton, Iowa will return for the fifth year, with Dr. Emmons leading discussions on "Building Family Togetherness." Rev. and Mrs. Merrril Grohman of Little River will give leadership in the youth and primary sections. A Missionary Family will also be present.

In addition to the five leadership families, 18 families from Kansas may attend. A brochure, giving all details will be in the hands of all ministers soon. Not more than two families from any one church may register unless there is still room after June first. Reserve early and save disappointment.

A Family Affair: Clever cartoon drawings tell story of the circle of life in the Gay family, from birth of Johnny to birth of Johnny's son - good discussion material on family attitudes.

Is Your Home Fun? Dramatizes some of the problems in family relationships - graphic comparisons of 2 families. Every frame is good for a soft chuckle. Good for adults.

All the above are filmstrips with recorded script, available at the Conference Office.

Christian Education Workshop

Plans are being completed by the Conference Christian Education Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Carl Georgeson for a state-wide Workshop to be held at Central Church in Topeka from Sunday evening July 5 to Friday noon, July 10. Experienced leaders will give help at all age levels. Miss Mildred Widber of the Division of Christian Education will be the resource leader. More detailed information in April issue.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. O. J. Fryar
By Haven Fellowship

Mrs. Wm. Shultz
Mrs. C. C. Whittaker
By Eureka Fellowship

Mrs. Lucy Hirst
Mrs. Court Eisiminger
Mrs. Grace Everett
By Partridge Fellowship

Mrs. Agnes Bennett
Mrs. Annie Follis
By Lenora Fellowship

Mrs. W. C. Harris
Mrs. John York
Mrs. I. L. Richardson
By Emporia Fellowship

Mrs. Kate Carter
Mrs. Katherine Shull
By Hutchinson Fellowship

Mrs. Della Johnson
By Sabetha Fellowship

Miss May Riggs
Mrs. Henry Werner
By Lawrence Fellowship

Mrs. Della Eddy
Mrs. Lizzie Moran
By Eskridge Fellowship

Miss Helen Titus
By Council Grove Fellowship

Mrs. E. J. Adams
By Wheaton Fellowship

Mrs. Mildred Scott
Mrs. Emma Woelk
By Russell Fellowship

Miss Mazie Lindsay
By McPherson Fellowship

Mrs. Sadie Dart
By Athol Fellowship

Mrs. William Ruth
Mrs. Ira Bickle
By Downs Fellowship

Mrs. Maude Gebhardt
Mrs. Mary Plumlee
Mrs. Elizabeth Tipler
Miss Mary Timmons
By Wichita Fairmount Fellowship

Reporting

The Mid-winter meeting of the Missions Council at Buck Hill Falls, Feb. 2-5, is now history. Preliminary meetings began January 27, and post meetings lasted until February 7. The National Women's Fellowship Presidents' Conference began Saturday morning, January 31. There were three sessions that day, then on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there were afternoon sessions after the Missions Council meeting. It is a real strenuous time but I wish that every member of our Kansas Fellowship could attend these meetings, at least once.

In the mornings, we all met in the auditorium for the Missions Council meeting. From these meetings we received a panoramic picture of Our Christian World Mission. The dif-

ferent Boards presented reports and plans for the future and displayed techniques by which all of us can further Our Christian World Mission.

The program for the State Presidents' meeting was well planned and executed. I wish I might give to each one of you some of the information, inspiration, enthusiasm, dedication and rich fellowship that was there in our meeting. It was there that the National Chairman of the six departments of work gave us an idea of what has been done this past year and what they hoped to accomplish in the coming year.

The new program book for 1959-60 was presented to us with the theme, "Move We On Together." Our emphasis for 1959-60 is, "To study, interpret and promote the 1960-61 Emphasis on Christian Higher Education." The Interdenominational Mission study themes for 1959-60 are, "The Church's Mission in Town and Country," for the homeland theme and "Africa" for the world theme.

There was so much material presented to us on these themes and emphases that there is no reason for a local Fellowship to have any kind of a program except one that pertains to the work of the church.

We hope that each one of our local Fellowships will avail themselves of the opportunity to make good use of our program booklet, materials on the mission study themes, and other literature of the agencies of our denomination. If our churches are to meet the demands of this day and time, we, as Christian women, must know about our denominational needs and what is to be done to meet these needs.

Mrs. Roscoe Graves.

Mrs. Allen Hackett

Retreat Guest

Mrs. Allen Hackett of St. Louis, World Traveler, Community and Denominational Leader, wife of Dr. Allen Hackett, Minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis, and mother, will be guest leader when Kansas women meet at Doane College June 1, 2, 3 and 4 for their fourth annual Retreat.

The Hackett's served churches in Fulton, N. Y., Stamford, Conn., and Honolulu, Hawaii before coming to St. Louis in 1951. Mrs. Hackett made trips to Europe in 1930, 1935 and 1948. She attended the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches and was a member of a seminar which studied Church World Service relief in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. She has been active in United Church Women, Women's Fellowship and recently served as President of St. Louis Y. W. C. A; has

been Secretary of Missions Council, a member of the Prudential and Executive Committees of the American Board and is presently Vice President of the A. B. C. F. M. We are delighted to have Mrs. Hackett as our Retreat Guest. Her radiant personality is contagious.

Share Your Wares

Has your fellowship used a yearbook? Have you had some posters that were particularly effective? Have you an idea for teaching about our missions that others would like to know about? What have you done that has been original and sensational?

Do you have a newsletter or program sheet that keeps your women up-to-date on what's going on in your church and in the state? Perhaps one that gives recognition to women in your church that are honored?

Of course, you have something that you would like to share with others. So, plan to bring a copy of your yearbook, newsletter, etc., to Retreat "To Show" (as the little people say in school.)

Let's share our good ideas with others.

United Church Women

The Twelfth Annual Assembly of United Church Women of Kansas will be held March 17 and 18. Tuesday and Wednesday, at First Methodist Church in Great Bend. Registration fee is $1.00. The first session will be at one o'clock on Tuesday, March 17 with adjournment after lunch on Wednesday.

All women are welcome and are urged to attend. For meal and lodging reservations write Elizabeth Gunn, Box 146, Great Bend.

Is There A Nurse In The House?

The hospital in Gaziantep Turkey where Merrill and Mildred Isely work is in need of another nurse. The Chistian nursing profession is very young in Turkey where most of the work in hospitals has to be done by less well-prepared nursing aides.

Gaziantep lacks the higher salaries and easier living of the larger cities. It's a real missionary field for an experienecd nurse who really wants to serve. If you know anyone who could be interested, write Mr. Loy Long, Candidate Secretary of the American Board, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Vocations Conference

Under the leadership of the Conference Committee on the Ministry with the Rev. Paul Davis, Chairman, a Vocations Conference will be held at Manhattan, April 3 and 4. Some 65 Kansas young people who have expressed a real interest in Christian Vocationals are being invited to the sessions which will begin at 7 P. M., on Friday April 3 and close at 3 P. M., Saturday afternoon the 4th.

Leaders wil include the Rev. Paul Davis, the Rev. Julian Johnson, Miss Alice Huggins, the Rev. Robert Waters, and Mrs. F. C. Lanning. Much of the program will be given to discussion and questions regarding the Parish Ministry.

Meals for the Conference are underwritten by an allocation from the one third of the Women's Gift for service in Kansas.

The Teaching Mission

Earle George, of Eureka, Kansas, was one of the young people who went out last summer to teach in Turkey. After getting his B.A. at Earlham College, he took graduate work in zoology at the University of Minnesota. He is now teaching English and Science in our School for boys in Talas.

Kansas
Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Poppe—President **Ann Helde—Secretary**

Word From Wa-Shun-Ga

Alden is no more! The old dorm, next to the chapel has been torn down and is being replaced with a new two unit dorm which houses 20 boys and 2 leaders. Two boys' units on this pattern were completed for use at our fourth camp last summer. We are delighted to have a third one. One new girls' unit is being built beyond Priscilla and Puritan. As fast as money is available, all old dorms will be removed in favor of the new, fire proof, smaller living units.

Our thanks to the Lutherans for putting all profits, plus, into an improved Wa-Shun-Ga. Uncle Chuck says Aunt Pearl will be back cooking up those meals and the Stuarts—Chuck, Marian and Gregg expect to be there to welcome us.

About Camps

May 31—June 6: Senior Camp - for next year's 10th, 11th and 12th grader's, and older.
Director - Rev. Steve Williams.

June 7 - 13: Junior Hi Camp-for next year's 8th and 9th graders (also next year's 10th graders if they prefer Jr. Hi Camp.)
Director - Rev. Elmo Paff

June 14—June 20: Junior Hi Camp (Same as above)
Director - Rev. Paul Davis
Cost and Registration:
The total cost, if advance registrations reach the Conference Office *one full week* preceding each camp, will be $17.50. All late registrations will be $18.50. *The total cost is to be sent with the advance registration.* Refunds of all but $2.00 registration fee will be made on cancellations; substitutions may be made. Not more than 175 - 180 campers can be accomodated at each camp. When any registration reaches that number, that camp will be CLOSED to further enrollment.

Western Rally At Great Bend

Seventy-seven Western Association PF'ers met at the Great Bend Congregational Church, Sunday afternoon, February 22 for their annual Spring Rally. Almena, Gaylord, Garden City, Ford, Kinsley, Ellis, Lenora, Russell, Smith Center and Great Bend churches were represented. The youth were challenged to consider Christian vocations by keynoter "Uncle Ed" Mehlaff of Russell. At dinner they heard Cindy Ewing tell of her visit to Luxemborg last summer and saw the Wabaunsee Work Camp movie narrated by Western Sponser, Dan Tyson. The evening program closed with a worship service led by the Russell PF. A great time was had and all left with much appreciation of the "Western Hospitality" of the Great Bend Church.

Like To Paint!

Plan to be one of twenty young people (Limit-2 to a church) who will make up the Sedgwick Work Camp. In addition to painting the exterior of the parsonage and the interior of the church, these young people will have a rare experience in Christian living. Adult leaders will include Louie Poppe, Dan Tyson and Dave Cutting. Cost $20.00

Southern Rally At Kiowa

Eighty Pilgrims and sponsors from the Southern Association met at Kiowa Saturday and Sunday, Feb.. 7 and 8 for the annual Spring rally with Carol McGee of Kiowa, President; Roberta Bell, Secretary and Uncle Bob Waters, Sponsor.

The Rev. Tom Rehorn of the Methodist Children's Home in Newton gave the Keynote address on "Christian Youth In a World of Tension." It was well received and was the basis for a discussion period which followed. A worship service consisting of music, testimonies and silences high lighted the rally program

The grouped attended Sunday School and morning worship at the Kiowa Church. The afternoon program was cancelled because of weather conditions.

In addition to Kiowa young people, delegations from Plymouth, Fairmount and Pilgrim Churches of Wichita, Maize, Sedgwick, Towanda, Emporia, and McPherson attended.

All agreed that the Rev. Floyd Sibley and his Kiowa church people were wonderful hosts.

Eastern Rally

Don Pfuetze, President, Diane Dalton Secretary, and Uncle Max Thomas, Sponsor, announce the Eastern Spring Rally to be held at Prairie Village, Friday evening and Saturday April 10 and 11.

The program will center around Christian Fellowship with emphasis on a study of Youth Fellowship (E&R) and Pilgrim Fellowship (C.C.) relation in The United Church.

Rosedale Party

The P.F. of Rosedale sponsored a lovely Valentine Party for all members of the church on February 14. Proceeds went to their Christian Action pledge. The evening featured music, dancing, contests, refreshments and an exhibition of original talent.

ATTENTION

KANSAS PILGRIMS

Planning & Training Conference
August 24-27
on
DOANE COLLEGE CAMPUS
for
P.F. OFFICERS & LEADERS

Limit - Five From Each Church

Special Training For P.F. Sponsors

Save The Dates

Mayflower And Concord Visitations

Some fifty teams made up of members from all five Congregational churches at Wichita gave their services on March 8 for Friendly Visitation in the Mayflower and Concord communities A training session for the visitors was held at Plymouth Church on Sunday afternoon March 1st, under the guidance of the Wichita Extension Committee - Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chairman.

Attractive brochures announcing the program and services of each church were given to each family by the visiting team. Concord Church which has held Sunday services at the Church Center in the parsonage, began meeting in the Pearl Kensler School on March first. Plans are underway for building a first unit on the spacious five acre site at Ridge Road and 12th. The Rev. George K. Dreher is minister. Mayflower, under the leadership of the Rev. Elmo Paff, outlines an expanded program for all age groups.

Palm Sunday Tradition

Following a custom of many years, the Kindergarten and Primary children of Seaman Church look forward with great anticipation to the Palm Sunday Processional when they march in singing and waving Palms. This is the one day of the year when the children dressed in their finest, bring all the parents and grandparents to church to "see their Palm Processional." The Rev. Ray Haun, Minister announces two services on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

This Is Your Life

The Rev. Robert M. Rymph of Kansas City Ruby arrived at the church Sunday afternoon, February 22 to face more than 200 members and friends singing "Happy Birthday." He was led to the platform by Mr. E. A. Klinger, Emcee for a "This Is Your Life" program. The program, depicting early childhood, schooling, service with the Mars Task Force in Burma, years in business and his decision to enter the ministry, were presented thru photographs, friends, slides, relatives and tape recordings. Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Robert Gurtler of Ellis, Mrs. Roy Coffey and Wm. H. Rymph of Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schoonover of Lyons, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Waters of Towanda and Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph of Topeka.

Pulpit Supply

The Rev. Wilbert E. Dull has been busy since leaving the Seaman pulpit with preaching appointments at Maple Hill, Carbondale and Kansas City. He is available to churches in the eastern area.

Tonganoxie Moves Ahead

A newly formed Board of Christian Education is making progress in organization and a more worshipful atmosphere in the Church School departments. This board is also working toward better understanding concerning the part the church plays in the larger fellowship at home and abroad.

A new furnace and insulation have been installed in the parsonage and improvements are being made in the church basement.

Dinner Honoring Kildes

A dinner was held Sunday, February 15, following the worship service, honoring the Kildes on their second anniversary at Fairmount. A large group attended this happy occasion.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

From First Chuch Echo

"Never have so many owed so much to so few." This famous statement of Winston Churchill's is quite appropriate to First Congregational Church as we observe our tenth anniversary in our new building this Sunday—March first. During the period of our relocation from 7th and Harrison to 17th and Collins, a mere handful of people held First Church together, through more than three years without a church home, with considerable sacrifice and consecration. It seems only fitting that those of us who have benefited from their efforts pay them tribute . . . Ray Jones, Minister"

Some sixty members who were in the founding group ten years ago were given special recognition at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

Use Service Men

Many Kansas churches have in their membership men who have seen service with Uncle Sam overseas. Are you using their experiences to help your whole church learn more about the world and its problems ? If you are, let us know how you do it. Such information is worth passing around.

New Filmstrips

From Seed Time To Harvest: filmstrip with record: color-18½ min. Outline of Our Christian Enlistment with new emphases and procedures.

Building Your Church: filmstrip with record: 14 - min. A guide to church leaders, program and budget committee members as they plan the financial program of the church.

The King of Glory: color with script. Jesus' triumphal entry and happenings of Holy Week to the First Easter Morning. Fine for children from 9 years and up.

The Church Is Born: color with script. Story of Jesus and the two disciples on the Emmaus road, on thru the growth and fellowship; ending with Paul's work. Fine for lessons on church beginnings - 12 years and up.

Perc Rayl, chairman of the K. C. Welborn Building Committee reports progress on the construction of their new Religious Education addition.

Sad News

Our sympathy to the Rev. A. H. Bartter who received word that his mother had passed away, February 7, while he was in attendance at Ministers' Convocation.